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TO OUR PATRONS.

With the commencement of a New Volume of
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large current expenses of publication, and those
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take advantage, viz:All persons in arrears who will send us the
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subscribers agents previous to that date, will be cred-
ited in accordance with the terms above stated.

Retrospection.

Before we can again communicate with our
readers through the FARMER, the year of our
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two will be numbered with the things of the
past, with the years beyond the flood. As we
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few exceptions, we see the steady growth of
republican ideas and principles and a desire
to have representative government. We are
witnessing to the national pride, that the American
government, which is the youngest of them all,
should be adopted as a model by the old and
powerful nations of the earth.The past year will be memorable as a year
of that class of disasters over which man has
no control, though every year is marked by
more or less appalling calamities. The dangers
of the sea have been fearfully diminished in
the loss of the *Metis*, *Bienvenue*, *Scandinavia*,
Sacramento, and hundreds of others of
lesser importance, while cyclones, hurricanes
and terrific gales have swept across land
and ocean, doing an immense amount of
damage to property and fearfully destructive of
human life.The fire fund has been unusually heavy and
the number of destructive fires is unprecedented.
The business portion of many western
towns have been laid in ashes, while the loss
by the destruction of manufacturing establish-
ments is without a parallel in the history of the
country. The great Boston conflagration was
for the most disastrous of fires, carrying off
of the world property amounting to more than
an hundred millions of dollars. While we
have suffered from fire, Italy has suffered no
less from flood. The river Po has twice over-
flowed its banks and swept away the houses of
nearly an hundred thousand persons, destroy-
ing many lives and completely ruining the
country's crops. Urgent appeals for assistance
from those homeless and penniless people, com-
ing to us across the sea. The year was also mar-
ked in Italy by an eruption of Vesuvius, which
has remained quiescent for several years.
Fortunately there was no great loss of life,
though many houses were burned or buried.The neighboring republic of Mexico, in
whose affairs in consequence of our proximity
we have a deep interest, has made great
advancement during the past year. Her civil
war has closed and her armies have disbanded
and retired to the peaceful pursuits of civil
life. The government seems to be recognized
by all classes, and attention is turned to the
development of the vast natural resources of
that beautiful country. In England steady and
enlightened progress has been made, and
the doctrine of non-resistance has been gain-
ing ground and sapping the very founda-
tions of the systems of hereditary privilege and
prerogative, which are only other names for
feudalism. The extension of the right of
suffrage to all, though at the present time lim-
ited and unreasonably restricted, will hasten
the time when the people of England will not
be satisfied with a constitutional monarchy,
but will strive for liberty and equal rights and
will achieve it.vineyards destroyed and a large area of fertile
land was rendered worthless.England has suffered much from hurricanes,
tempests, frosts and other meteorological
phenomena, which has given the year un-
usually gloomy. A violent gale has traversed the
ocean, destroying or crippling nearly all the
shipping which came within its limits. This,
with numerous storms and hurricanes, has
rendered the year unusually hazardous to com-
merce. It is estimated that a successful year
of ship-building will not replace what has been
lost within the past six months.In the United States the year has been char-
acterized by great excess of heat and cold,
an unusual amount of rain-fall and by the fre-
quent occurrence of destructive storms and hur-
ricanes in various parts of the country. But
notwithstanding all these physical distur-
bances, the year has been marked by unusual
progress in art, science and general useful
knowledge.The secretary records of the year include
the names of an unusually large number of
eminent men. The following are among those
whose names are best known and will longest
be remembered:Major-General Halleck, Bogumil Dawison,
Senator James W. Grimes, Earl Mayo, Mas-
sachusetts, S. F. D. Morse, Senator George B.
Baker, Governor William Pittman, Hon. John
B. Allen, Professor Albert Hopkins, Sir Hen-
ry Bulwer, Frederick Gerstaecker, James Gor-
don Bennett, Charles James Lever, Father
Cignoni, Rev. Norman McLeod, ex-Mayor
Bignow, Rev. Charles Brooks, David Paul
Brown, President James, Commodore Nichol-
son, ex-President James, General Daniel
B. Leach, General George B. Frisbie, Gen-
eral J. Ingalls, General Sylvanus Thayer,
Bishop Mantel Eastburn, Senator Garrett
Davis, Rev. Peter Cartwright, Rev. Dr. Fran-
cis Vinton, Dr. Francis Lieber, Col. H. C.
Denning, W. H. Seward, Fanny Fern, J. H.
Merle D'Aubigne, Gen. William Schouler,
Hon. George Henry, Hon. Samuel J. May, Hon.
Frederick Douglass, Hon. Edwin For-
rest, Theodore Gautier.Coming down to the sphere of private life
the year is marked according to individual ex-
periences. To some it has been a year of
pleasure, to others a year of sorrow. Some
will remember it as the year when long cher-
ished hopes were realized, while others will
refer to it as that sad year when their loved
ones were wrecked and their lives made
dreary by the loss of dear ones. But whether
the year has brought us joy or sorrow, we
will not regret it. The happy cannot
prolong it if they would, nor the sorrowful
if they could. The year has had one
more year of pleasure and the year has had
one less of misery. The entries are nearly
all made, the year's accounts must soon be
balanced and must stand as they are for all
time. The good we have done stands to our
credit, while our evil deeds, our duties de-
ficient and our opportunities neglected stand
against us. All regrets over the past year
and recapitulation of some of the events by which
the year has been characterized. In the political
world the year has not been marked by
any startling events, in this regard, being
far behind the two years that preceded it.The United States has passed a year of un-
usual prosperity. Domestic peace and har-
mony have prevailed in greater degree than
could reasonably be expected, considering our
recent civil war and the broad extent of our
national domain. Our crops have been boun-
tiful, our manufacturing interests have flour-
ished, our revenues have been collected and
our national indebtedness is being satisfactorily
diminished and all signs of the late struggle
are being gradually obliterated. Our foreign
relations were never more satisfactory. We
are at peace with all nations, and the late
cloud which at the commencement of the year
threatened to disturb our peaceful relations
with England, has been dissipated by the am-
icable adjustment of all the questions at issue.
Postal treaties have been made and new ocean-
ic cables laid, which brings us into closer and
more confidential relations with the leading
governments of Europe, while the tide of im-
migration increases and is fast peopling our
wild lands with a thrifty and industrious pop-
ulation. We have the satisfaction of believ-
ing that no one of the nations of the earth is
more respected, at the present time, than our
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